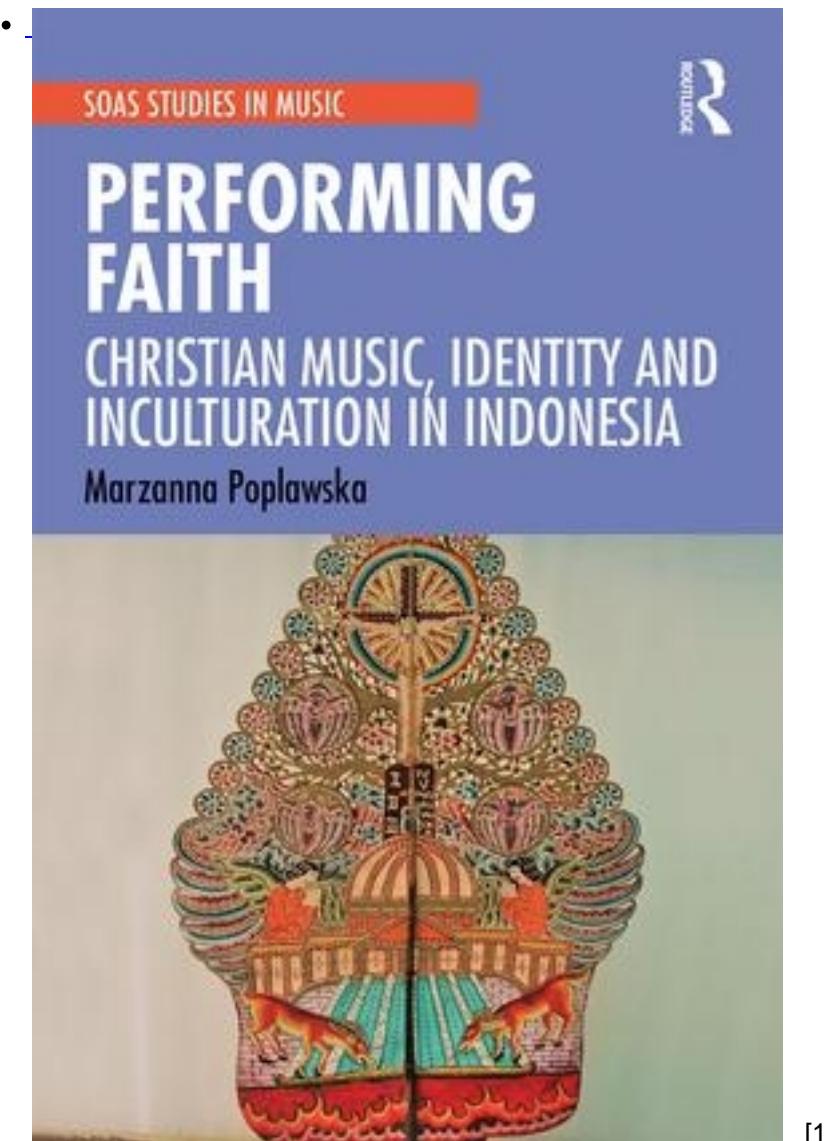


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While telling the story of Indonesian Christians and the multiple ways in which they live Christianity through music, the author emphasizes the creative energy and agency of local people. In their practices she finds optimism for continuing existence of many traditional genres and styles. Indonesian Christians perform their Christian faith through music, dance, and theatre, generating innovative cultural products that enrich the global Christian heritage.

The book is addressed to a broad spectrum of readers: scholars from a variety of disciplines – music, religion, anthropology, especially those interested in interactions between Christianity and indigenous cultures; general music lovers and World Music enthusiasts eager to discover musics outside of European realm; as well as Christian believers, church musicians and choir directors curious to learn about Christian music beyond Euro-American context. Students of religion, sacred music, (ethno)musicology, theatre, and dance will also benefit from learning about a variety of indigenous arts employed in Christian churches in Indonesia.

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